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Morpho Australasia goes live with new SmartGate Plus in Christchurch airport in New Zealand

Safran Identity & Security, through its subsidiary Morpho Australasia, has completed installing the next generation of eGates into Christchurch Airport.

This installation is part of national upgrade and innovation programme for 51 **new generation border processing eGates** for the New Zealand Customs Service (NZ Customs). The rollout has seen new generation Safran Identity & Security's **eGates** installed in Auckland, Wellington, Queenstown and now Christchurch airport.

Since 2009, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch airports have been using **SmartGate** to give eligible travellers the option of **self-processing** through passport control. The system uses **facial recognition technology** to compare facial images of the traveller against the data contained in the **e-Passport's** chip. Over 18 million passengers have successfully used the system.

The **new generation eGates** speed up the traveller experience with a one-step process, eliminating the kiosk and ticket which was part of the process with the previous gates. They also have a smaller footprint to meet the space constraints of airports, whilst also having Safran Identity & Security's latest workflow and **biometric matching software**.

Since its introduction in 2009, SmartGate has been an increasingly popular with passengers and has helped manage growth in passenger volumes. The eGates allow passengers pass through quickly and easily, and enable Customs officers to focus on managing high risk travellers at the border

Carolyn Tremain, Comptroller and Chief Executive of NZ Customs

Tim Ferris, Managing Director of Morpho Australasia, added: *«As a company, we are focused on providing NZ Customs with a range of innovative services and technologies to help with passenger flow. We are proud of our joint innovation journey and are looking forward to launching the next series of passenger technology to help NZ Customs continue as world leaders at the border. »*

Traveller volumes in New Zealand are expected to increase by 4-5% annually, or around 2.3 million to nearly 12.7 million by 2019.



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Safran Identity & Security is a global leader in identity and security solutions, deploying systems in more than 100 countries. Backed by more than 40 years of experience in biometrics, the company develops innovative technologies for the public and private sectors, including identity management, secure transactions and public security solutions.

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